

applicant has added the terms "first" and "second" in order to further ameliorate any possible confusion.)

In regard to the objections with respect to the specification, applicant has made the indicated amendments to the specification, attached. Reference to Figure 3b has been deleted. Reference to Figures 14A and B have been deleted. Reference to Figure 14B has been corrected to reference Figure 31. Periods have been added at the end of each of the lines 25 on page 5, 2 of page 6 and 22 of page 7.

In regard to the objection to the drawings, replacement drawing sheets are attached. The legend "prior art" has been added to Figures 1-13, 16-18 and 22-29, as requested. The replacement sheets have been labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header.

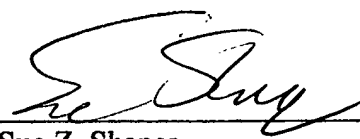
Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Sue Z. Shaper, Applicants' Attorney at 713 550 5710 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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